OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Memorandum of Association:

In the matter of the Societies Registration Act (XXXI of 1860) being an Act for the Registration of Liberty, Scientific and Charitable Societies.

In the matter of the Assam State Seed Certification Agency

Memorandum of Association: The name of the Society shall be Assam State Seed Certification Agency (hereinafter referred to as the "Agency").

The Registered office of the Agency shall be situated at such place as the State Seed Certification Governing Body may decide from time to time. Its office is at present located in Guwahati, Assam.

THE OBJECTIVES FOR WHICH THE AGENCY IS ESTABLISHED ARE:

- 1. To act as the Certification agency established under Section 8 of the Seed Act 1966 (54 of 1966).
- 2. To discharge the functions entrusted to the certification Agency under sections 9 and 10 of the Seed Act, 1966 (54 of 1966).
- 3. To recognize varieties (and kinds where improved varieties are not available) eligible for seed certification and publish lists indicating the names of such varieties.
- 4. To maintain a list of sources of breeder and foundation seeds of notified varieties approved by the Central seed Certification Board in case of variety grown more than one state and by the State seed certification Agency in case of variety of local importance.
- 5. To verify upon receipt of varieties of an application for certification that the variety is eligible for certification, that the application has been submitted in accordance with the procedure prescribed by the State Seed Certification Governing Body and that the source of seed used for planting is from approved sources.
- 6. To provide for inspection of seed fields, seed processing plants and seed lots in accordance with the procedures outlined by the Central Seed Certification Board.
- 7. To ensure that the seed certified in the State conform to the standards prescribed by the Central Seed Certification Board.
- 8. To grant certificates, certification tags and seals etc. designed as per specifications provided by the Central Seed Certification Board and as per procedures prescribed by the State Certification Governing Body.
- 9. To carry out educational programme designed to promote the use and production of certified seed including publication and distribution of lists of co-operators in the seed certification programme and source of certified seed and provide such information to the Central Seed Certification Board.